

September 27, 2011

RE: Open House on Bikeway Improvements

Dear Resident:

You are invited to attend an open house at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 6, to learn about proposed bikeway improvements along West 54th Street, Wooddale Avenue and Valley View Road. The open house will be held at the Edina Public Works & Park Maintenance Facility, 7450 Metro Blvd.

The proposed project is the first phase of a bicycle boulevard adjacent to the City of Minneapolis. The bike boulevard would likely incorporate permanent paving markings and signed with route markers and kiosks for bicyclists. Bike detectors might also be added to traffic signals in the area. The Edina City Council, the Edina Transportation Commission, Bike Edina Task Force and City staff have worked with Transit for Livable Communities to develop the proposal.

Plans for the project will be drafted based on residents' comments after the open house. The City Council will hold a public hearing on the project Tuesday, Nov. 15. If approved, construction could begin next spring and be complete in the summer.

The City of Edina has been awarded a \$250,000 federal grant administered through Transit for Livable Communities to cover a portion of the project. Transit for Livable Communities is a nonprofit organization working to reform Minnesota's transportation system. Through advocacy, organizing, and research, Transit for Livable Communities promotes a balanced transportation system that encourages transit, walking, bicycling and thoughtful development.

If you cannot attend the open house and have questions please contact me by phone at 952-826-0445 or email jsullivan@ci.edina.mn.us

Regards,

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